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SUBJ: JORDAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO OMAN

REFS: (A) STATE 065437 (TOSEC 950) (B) ASWAN 255 (SECTO 423)

1. WE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF RESPONSE CONTAINED  
REFTEL (A) AND FACT THAT SIX T-37'S COULD BE MADE  
AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO MONTHS. WE WOULD, PROVIDING  
DEPARTMENT AGREED, WISH TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH  
RJAF INCLUDING QUESTION OF TIMING AND REACH SOME DECISION  
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT COMMENT IN PARA 3 REFTEL (A) AND ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP HERE.

2. EVEN IF OMANIS WERE ENROLLED IN THE NEW BASIC  
PILOT CLASS BEGINNING AT THE JORDAN AERONAUTICAL  
ACADEMY IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME, THEY WOULD NOT BE  
READY FOR THE T-37 PHASE OF TRAINING UNTIL SEVEN  
MONTHS LATER. THEREFORE UNLESS THERE ARE OMANIS THAT  
HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED BASIC PILOT TRAINING IN OMAN OR  
OTHER COUNTRIES, THERE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE A NEED FOR  
AIRCRAFT UNTIL EARLY 1976. (HOWEVER, WE WOULD WANT TO  
DISCUSS THIS WITH RJAF IN ANY EVENT).

3. ADDITIONAL T-37'S WOULD BE LOCATED AT SAME  
OPERATING BASE AS ORIGINAL SIX; THEREFORE, AGE AND  
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SPARES PROBLEM WOULD BE MINIMAL. MAJOR LIMITATIONS

WOULD BE IN AREAS OF INSTRUCTOR AND MAINTENANCE  
PERSONNEL.

4. WITH REGARD TO TEN T-37'S PRESUMED ON ORDER BY  
GOJ (PARA 4 REFTTEL A), TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDTE LOA  
FOR THESE AIRCRAFT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT SIGNED AND  
WAS PERMITTED TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY. CHIEF OF  
RJAF CLAIMED THAT LACK OF FUNDS NECESSITATED THIS  
DECISION. IN ADDITION, IF LOA HAD BEEN SIGNED,  
T-37'S WERE NOT PROGRAMMED FOR DELIVERY UNTIL  
APRIL/JULY 1977. PLEASE ADVISE IF WASHINGTON HAS INFORMATION  
TO CONTRARY.

5. COMMENT: WE CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED  
IN REFTTEL (A) WITH REGARD TO APPROACH TO GOJ. ANTI-  
INFILTRATION PROPOSALS, WE ASSUME, WOULD CONTINUE  
TO COVER BOTH JORDAN'S OWN BORDER PROBLEM AND THE  
CONTROL OF INFILTRATION IN OMAN AS PREVIOUSLY  
OUTLINED SUBJECT TO CAVEAT IN REFTTEL (B).  
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